



**FINISHED PRODUCT...** Pictured above is the levee break located just off Jackson Street which has been repaired under the direction of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The canal side of the levee has been reinforced with rip-wrap (large stones) and the hold top side and backside of the levee has been covered with a mat containing grass seed. Other spot repairs were made to the levee between Jackson Street and Martin Luther King Drive. The funding for the general repair and up-grading of the Elba and Geneva levees (\$25 million - \$10 million for Elba and \$15 million for Geneva) is out of committee and is pending before the U. S. Congress.

## Election

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State Democratic Committee  
Person Male - District 91: Bill McAlley.

## Meeting

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\$3 million available for buy-outs, but many millions more the president was passing out in Africa on the same day.

Residents were also told that any buy-out money available would be to the 12-county South Alabama area declared in this disaster. Best estimates from the federal representatives present were that the amount of federal funds available to the area would be in the neighborhood of \$3 million. Buy-out money will first go to repay any outstanding loans, including SBA, the group was told. In response to the moans and groans, they heard, "It is just like with any other sale of mortgaged property."

Slips were passed out to the attendees for them to sign and indicate their preference of several options suggested. They included the buy-out, relocation and flood proofing. FEMA representatives collected the forms and said they would work with city officials in tabulating the opinions and formulating a plan.

## Spicer

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Health care must also be of concern to all Alabamians, he said, adding that infrastructure continues to be a key issue for Coffee County. "We must secure allocations and remain on target with our highway construction plans," he said.

Spicer added that agricultural legislation also is extremely important in Coffee County. A graduate of Elba High School and Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, Spicer attended Enterprise State Junior College. He earned a bachelor's degree in Vocational and Technical Education from Athens State and a master's degree in public administration from Auburn University in Montgomery.

He is married to the former Ceina Hayes. They have two sons, Hayes, 3, and John Colquett, 3 months.

Spicer is active in various community and professional organizations. He and his family attend First Baptist church where he teaches the Senior High Youth Sunday School Class.

Spicer is an instructor in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at MacArthur State Technical College and is involved in a family-owned business, Spicer Heating and Cooling, which was established in 1965.

## Aid to flood victims totals \$2 million

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials, assistance for 1,029 disaster victims of the recent flood has amounted to more than \$2 million.

The assistance includes funds for temporary housing, individual and family grants, and immediate shelter needs for people displaced by floodwaters.

The greatest number of applicants for disaster assistance in the 12-county area were in Coffee County.

There were 869 applicants which is equivalent to 46 percent of all who have applied.

The \$2 million does not include \$193,300.00 in low-interest loans approved so far to renters, homeowners and businesses through the U. S. Small Business Administration.

The deadline for qualified claimants in Coffee, Covington, Dale, Escambia, Geneva and Houston counties is April 8, 1998.

## LEARN WINDOWS '95

An evening course is to be offered to the public at Elba High School, beginning Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. The course will be an introduction to the Windows '95 operating system and its basic use. The course will cost \$75. It will run one night a week, two hours per meeting, for six weeks. The enrollment will be limited to 20 people.

To sign up, call Mike Amison at 897-8301 or David Stokes at 897-2266.

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## Qualifying ends, 3 candidates unopposed

The list of those qualifying to run for local public office is now complete. Last Friday at 5 p.m. was the deadline for filing qualification papers with local and state party chairpersons.

Those placing their names on the ballot are as follows:

• Alabama State Senate - District 31: Jimmy Holley - Democrat; Dwight Adams - Republican.

• Alabama State Representative - District 91: Terry Spicer - Democrat; Garreth Moore - Republican.

• 12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 3: Gary L. McAlley - Democrat; Bruce McLean - Republican.

• 12th Judicial Circuit Judge - Place 2: Robert W. Barr - Democrat;

• 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney: Mark Fuller - Republican; Paul Young - Democrat; Cary L. Dwyer - Democrat.

• Sheriff of Coffee County: R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth - Democrat; Ben Moates - Democrat.

• Coroner - Elba Division: Marvin McIlwain - Democrat; Blake Foley - Democrat.

• Coroner - Enterprise Division: Tim Whitehead - Democrat.

• Coffee County School Board Member - District 6: Joyce Barksdale - Republican.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 20: Lanette B.

Boutwell; Richard J. Spurlin.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 2: Mack Donaldson.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 15: Ray Hurd.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 6: Jackson W. Stokes.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 1: Mathayn Farris.

• Beat Democrat Committee Person - Beat 17: Bernice Brooks.

• State Democratic Committee Person Male - District 91: Bill Stokes.

• State Democratic Committee Person Female - District 91: Janet McAlley.

The above field will be narrowed down after the June Primary election.

## Brockton getting aid for streets

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Meeting in regular session, members of the New Brockton Town Council wasted little time in attending to the town's business.

Mayor Britt Lee informed members of the council that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management

Agency) officials had surveyed the damage to the town's streets during the recent flooding.

The officials assessed the damage at \$13,323.00 which is the 75 percent of the total damage that the agency will reimburse the town.

The remaining 25 percent will come from the state (10 percent) and the town (14 percent).

Council members were also informed that a grant to construct a walking trail at the town's recreation complex has been applied for by Lenwood Herring.

The grant, should the town be successful in its application, will be for funding up to \$25,000.

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## Asphalt One lands in Elba - again

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Johnny Williams is among the Alabama Emergency Management Agency employees who is no stranger to Elba, Ala.

Williams and his home on wheels, Asphalt One, first visited Elba immediately after the March, 1990, flood. That visit lasted almost long enough for him to qualify as a resident and vote in the local elections, he said.

Once again Williams - and his bus - are stationed in Elba as EMA assists the residents of Elba and the town's officials in the recovery process from the March 8th flood.

Officially, Asphalt One is not a part of the EMA; however, besides serving as a home-away-from-



Johnny Williams with his home on wheels, Asphalt One

home for Williams, the very-decently equipped bus serves as a nice conference room for officials needing a quiet and convenient place to meet.

But the bus also has a very impressive record as a winner on the campaign trail, serving more than a dozen politicians in a successful trek to becoming elected officials.

George Bush gave the bus its name. He originally called it Asphalt Two when he was vice president. When Bush was elected president, the name was changed to Asphalt One.

Besides Bush, Williams' buses

the owns two and leases others when needed, have served New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, U. S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, former Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt, U. S. Sen. Sam Brownback from Kansas, and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Williams was officially given the title of Commander John L. Williams by Bush when he was driving him around during his 1988 presidential campaign.

Williams is one of the very few civilians ever to be allowed to drive for the president. This duty is usually assigned exclusively to members of the Secret Service.

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## Recycling resumes

The Elba recycling center has reopened and is accepting cardboard boxes, newspapers, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans. The collection point is still located behind the old high school.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

People are making sure we don't lose any weight during the present flood recovery situation. Monday morning in walks Peggy Stroud with a crock pot of what I called homemade vegetable soup but the ladies in the office have a fancier name for it. Anyway we all agree on the identity of the multi-level chocolate cake that came with it. That delicious cake even suddenly gained us some new-found friends, who joined in the enjoyment of consuming it.

The Alabama Legislature is back from taking a week off, along with the school children and teachers. It is getting ever closer to that decision-making time when the lawmakers either vote a bill up or down, because the legislative session will end soon (we hope). One proposal being pushed hard by those who haul logs up and down the state highways and byways would increase the legal allowable weight per axle, as the law presently reads, to one which considers the average weight of all axles. Very few people give the bill much chance of passing. However, the loggers are working the branchheads in an effort to get the bill moving. Recent news releases received by the news media plead their case. Then comes the countering response from the Alabama Department of Transportation, which has opposed this bill from the beginning. They mailed a report listing the millions of dollars of federally-funded bridge projects which will be "withheld" this year and next, if this bill passes. None of that bridge money was scheduled to be spent in this area, but it could touch them in later years, if in fact that last report was the total truth.

Last week, on April 1, the world again celebrated All Fool's Day. The origin of such a special day is lost in history, but references to it are found which were written hundreds of years ago. Mark Twain had this to say about April 1st: "April 1st is the day we remind ourselves of what we are the other 364 days of the year." Twain had the self confidence to laugh at himself -- we should follow his lead.

Elba folks are still looking for a lot of answers relating to the flooding problems in and around Elba. City officials apparently can't get any better answers than the general public. However, we can credit Mayor James Grimes for trying. Recently in an effort to find out about plans for upgrading the levee, James and some state officials went to Atlanta and met with top Corps of Engineer decision-makers. The result was another bunch of political answers, but at least he knows the way to their office and is trying to get some clear responses... eyeball to eyeball. Keep trying Mayor.

"This past week we finally got a bigwig to give an estimate on how much of the oft-quoted \$3 million buy-out money Elba could expect to get. With great confidence and fanfare we were assured confidentially that "at least half of it should come to Elba." Here we were trying to envision the impossible task of stretching \$3 million and make it reach everywhere, only to find it will be only "about" half that amount!

Those who were listening closely during at least one of the recent town meetings heard Ed Gardner, who heads the state agency, ADECA, say that if the supplemental appropriations presently in the U. S. Congress were approved immediately, (and language changed to allow its use here) it would be at least 9-12 months before any of the money filtered down to Elba folks. In this corner that means, "Get on with your life, folks." Several years ago there was a lot of open criticism of the Democratic Party for requiring candidates running on the Democrat ticket to sign a pledge to support all party candidates in both the primary and the general elections. Now the Alabama Republican Party is doing the same thing and even defeated candidates promise to support the winners... all of them! It will be interesting to hear the fallout from this, now that the shoe is on the other foot.

The azaleas, dogwoods, etc. in Elba look especially pretty this year. There has been a lot of muddy water in parts of town, but the seasonal flowers are strutting their stuff. One more thing for us to be thankful for when we get up and look out the window each morning.

If you need to see a downtown Elba sight that will inspire you in the aftermath of the March 8th flooding, drop by Gloria's Beauty Shop on the square. That business was among the first to get repaired and return after the flood. We were amazed and excited at the looks of the shop the first day of reopening. Gloria gives the credit to husband, Ronnie Jirright, who jumped in as soon as the water went down and did a masterful job of repairs. No, he didn't just repair... that place looks better than it has ever, ever looked! Then this might motivate some other husbands after completing the work, Ronnie hooked up his boat and went on a well-deserved, and successful, fishing trip, with his wife's blessings. Ain't life grand!

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 31, 1998 through April 6, 1998. They were: Carilyn Hudson, Alisla Culver, Glenda Jackson, Donald Barras, Roy Sanders, Betty Wilson, Mahala

Davis, Phyllis Watson, Doris Waters, Su in Bell, Kim Neal, Alberta Martin, and Mae White. Persons dis-charged during the same period were: Donald Barras, Darrell Pence, Alisla Culver, Bobby Jordan, Ruby Johnson,

Glenda Jackson, Carilyn Hudson, Betty Wilson, Mahala Davis, Bell Whitton, Nettie Messick, Roy Sanders, Doris Waters, Phyllis Watson, Harvey Sasser, Dorothy Hussey, Carilyn Hudson, and Antonio Hill.

## OPINION

### Elba has pride not evident elsewhere

Dear Mr. Cox,  
Enclosed please find the pictures and write-ups about our "My Favorite Book" program at Elba Elementary and New Brockton Elementary Schools. I delayed sending these to you because of the recent disaster in your beautiful city. Mr. Cox, I admire you and the

people of Elba more than any place I have ever traveled to. There is a pride in Elba that I have not found in any other community I have ever traveled to. It breaks my heart that this flood has once again come to your area. I wish there were something I could do. Please let me know if there is, and I will be glad to do it

out of my sheer admiration for the citizens of Elba, and the sponsors of our program.  
I am glad to be associated with such fine people, and because of men like yourself, and others there in Elba, our program at the schools are so strong.  
My prayers are with you, and I

look forward to seeing you again in the near future.  
With highest regards,  
STEVE MIZDILL  
The Ambassador Company  
161 Ashford Way  
Alabaster, AL 35007

### Alternatives to violence should be taught

Dear Editor,  
The tragic incident at Jonesboro, Ark., has again focused the nation's attention on the propensity of some young people to automatically turn to violence to solve conflict in their lives. The age of these youngsters caused us to gasp in disbelief, while, in fact, events have shown us that younger and younger children are committing violent acts.

Quite simply, by waiting until high school to present programs dealing with anger reduction, conflict resolution, and violence curtailment, we are dealing with the "wrong end of the horse." Such programs are most successful when they are comprehensive, ongoing in nature, starting with the very youngest grades and building with age-appropriate material year after

year. One shot, assembly-type programs may be enjoyable for the children and impressive for the parents, but they do not have the long-lasting effect we should expect and demand.  
Kindergarten is not too young to start teaching violence-reduction skills. We are competing with media which not only glorifies violent behavior, it portrays it as a auto-

matic matter of course. We had better get our act together if we are to help our children know the alternatives to violence.  
Sincerely,  
ALICE MURPHY  
Executive Director  
Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD

### Siegelman's lottery not best for families

Dear Editor,  
Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman's proposal for a state lottery has been promoted as a family-friendly way of giving more of our state's young people the opportunity to attend the state college or university of their choice. Siegelman claims that a lottery modeled after Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program might be the only way some low-income families could afford a college education for their children.

However, students from low-income families who wish to further their education can already get financial aid to attend any public university in the state as long as

they meet the requirements for admission.  
The truth is, it is not poor families who are most likely to benefit from Siegelman's "free scholarships." Statistics from Georgia indicate that most HOPE scholarship funds are awarded to students from middle- and upper-middle class families. During the 1994-95 academic year, the average family income of a HOPE scholarship recipient was \$44,876, over 40 percent higher than the income of the average Georgia family.

Who pays for these scholarships? Statistics from Georgia show that since the lottery began, lottery tickets have sold best in ZIP codes with an average income of less than \$20,000. In these poor neighborhoods, an average of \$249 per resident was spent on the lottery in 1993. Conversely, in ZIP codes with incomes exceeding \$40,000, only \$97 was spent on lottery tickets per resident.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

MARCH 30 THRU APRIL 5, 1998

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31** - River Stage - 5:35 feet (6:20 a.m.); Rescue run to Taylor's Grocery on Caroline St. (1:55 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Roosevelt Dr. (7:34 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Highland Dr. (9:11 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reese Ave. (10:27 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1** - River stage - 7:58 (5:57 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2** - River stage - 9:71 (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (7:26 p.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (10:03 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3** - River stage - 9:67 feet (6:12 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 189N (9:42 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4** - River stage - 9:29 feet (6:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reynolds St. (10:57 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Payne St. (9:56 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5** - River stage - 8:52 feet (8:08 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (7:26 p.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (10:03 p.m.).

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## Williams

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try in his off time from the EMA. But he will also tell you that his only desire is to make things better for the American people and one of the best ways to do this is to "get involved in the election process."

The "commander" also has a soft place in his heart for the people of Elba. He will tell you that one of his most memorable moments happened right here in Elba.

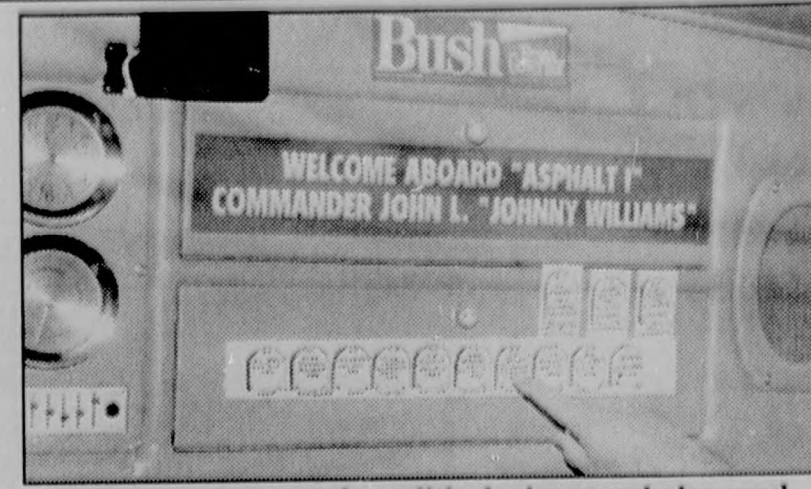
It occurred several days after the March '90 flood when a town meeting was held on the steps of the courthouse in downtown Elba.

Williams was instrumental in organizing the event and providing the sound system for the program. He said he will never forget Butch Oggs singing, "Amazing Grace," and not a single person had a dry eye during and afterwards. That was followed by Lee Greenwood's rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A."

"I still get chills bumps just thinking about it," Williams said.

Williams said, "It's good to be back in Elba," but quickly adds that he wishes it were under different circumstances.

He has renewed several old friendships and made many, many new ones. That's the type person he is - he enjoys meeting and helping people.



Williams points out the political winners who've used his bus on the campaign trail



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## Young

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office," Young said. He said he is dedicated to the law and will devote his full time to the responsibilities of the district attorney.

The veteran lawyer noted that he will be a "hands on" district attorney, personally prosecuting many cases rather than delegating so much of the trial work to assistants.

## Rowe

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with the application of such exciting ideas as artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, recombinant genetics, genetic cloning, cyber exploration and space travel.

"Simple reading, writing and arithmetic are the basics with which we start the process of education, but today's educators will have to impart to tomorrow's youth a solid moral and psychological foundation so they are better able to cope with and to use these scientific advances. Today's educators must be able to impart to our youth the courage,

knowledge, and moral integrity to face that bold and exciting future. All the answers to the extremely complex questions of the 21st century will be null and void unless our children receive a substantive education. The price tag for education is getting higher. The Alabama State Board of Education recently approved a 25 percent tuition increase for junior and technical colleges. That was not only preposterous, it was ridiculous.

"The national inflation rate for the last few years has hovered close to zero; as a result the State Board and legislature should be investing ways to reduce educational costs at every level.

## AREA DEATHS

**MILDRED LEE PIERCE**  
Mrs. Mildred Lee Pierce, age 79, of Elba, died March 31, 1998, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Funeral services were held April 2, 1998, at 2 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church, with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law: Rosemary Woodward, Elba; Betty Pearce Chandler and Dykes Chandler, Attmore; Linda Mills and Cabert Mills, Elba; two sisters: Ruth Collier, Chapel Hill, N.C.; and Collier, Chapel Hill, N.C.; three brothers: John Paul Lee, Inverness, Fla.; William Kennett Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe Charles Lee, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren.

**LILLIAN ROWE**  
Lillian Rowe, age 91, of Elba, died April 4, 1998, at her home. Funeral services were held April 6, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Several nieces and nephews survive.

**LESSIE MAE WILLIAMS**  
Mrs. Lessie Mae Williams, age 86, of Rt. 4, Elba, died April 2, 1998, in the Opp Nursing Home. Funeral services were held April 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Donnie Earls and Rev. Zealon Smith officiating. Burial was in Antioch Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include: two daughters: Bertie Ellis, Elba, and Thelma

Acree, Opp; six sons: Buren Williams and Zemeria Williams, Elba; Marion Williams, Samson; Howard Williams, Brantley; Haywood Williams, Hobbs, N.M.; Waylon Williams, Kinston; three sisters: Leola Harrell, Glenwood; Maudie Schelkorsky, Montgomery; Minnie Johnson, Samson; four brothers: William Hodge, Glenwood, Ala.; Fletcher Hodge and Noah Hodge, Elba; Levia Hodge, Montgomery; 25 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

**MADGE MADDOX**  
Mrs. Madge Maddox, 61, of New Brockton, died April 5, 1998, in Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held April 7, 1998, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of New Brockton, with Rev. Robert Barr officiating. Burial was in New Brockton City Cemetery, with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sisters: Mary Lou Adkinson - New Brockton; Betty Bray, Luverne; four nieces: Kahi Rowe, Elizabeth Smith, Audie Lowery, and Becky Smith; eight nephews: Neal Adkinson, Jimmy Adkinson, Tram Bray, Wayne Maddox, Harry Maddox, Lonnie Hosier, Greg Hosier, Frank Hosier.

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## Brockton

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Mayor Lee stated that the sewer grant had been closed out and the project is now officially completed. He also told council members that future plans are to apply for a grant for some sewer work on U.S. Hwy. 84E providing the qualifications can be met.

Under the heading of unfinished business, the council passed a resolution officially awarding the town's garbage collection contract to MDI (Mark Dunning Industries) of Dothan, AL.

The council also took measures to

bring the garbage rates for small business into alignment.

Currently, some businesses are being charged \$9 monthly, while others are being charged \$12. The council voted to set the rates at \$15 per month for all small businesses.

The mayor presented monthly bills totaling \$25,137.83 for the council's approval of payment. After reviewing them, payment was approved.

The council gave its approval for the city clerk, Annette Williams, to attend a records seminar in Montgomery.

The seminar, which is on the microfilming of records, is free; however, the council approved pay-

ment of Mrs. Williams' expenses in traveling to and from the meeting.

New Brockton Police Chief Charles Driggers reported his department's activities for the month of March.

He reported that his officers had investigated 18 complaints, made 11 criminal arrests, issued 11 citations and investigated 1 accident with 2 injuries.

Driggers stated that the rescue squad had made 12 runs while the fire department had zero calls.

The chief said during the past month, animal control officers had captured six dogs and taken them to the pound in Elba.

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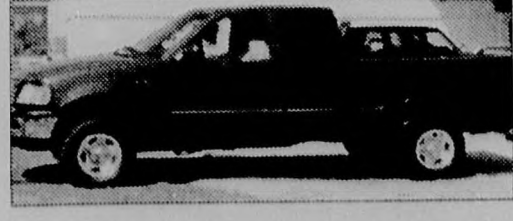
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# SPORTS

## Views from .... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

pressbox

The Mularz family re-located last week and moved even deeper into the country as they unpacked their bags and moved into a house between Basin and Curtis. The location of the house doesn't exactly make it easy to run to the store, but there is plenty of room for the kids, and the dog, to roam, and plenty of country roads for Melissa to practice her driving. The rest of the family might not agree, but I for one could get used to country living!

### DUSTING OFF THE DESK AFTER THE AEA HOLIDAY....

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers pounded their guests from Poplar Springs 14-3 last week to even their record at 7-7 heading down the home stretch. The Tigers scored early and often in the romp, and for one of the few times this season used a solid defensive performance to hold on and claim the win. Elba has allowed 43 unearned runs in 14 games this season, and has made far too many errors to win consistently. If the Tigers can get their defense in gear they should have a real chance at making the playoffs, especially since the pitching staff and the hitting has been solid all year long.

\*\*\*The Elba Lady Tigers owned a 7-2 mark at the break, but are just now getting into the meat of their schedule, and will have to improve every time they hit the field to continue piling up the wins. The Lady Tigers have been consistent on defense and have played well enough to win in every game played, but their hitting has been up and down, as they scored only two and four runs in their two losses. Elba has a pretty tough schedule coming up and will be challenged every time they hit the field, but the girls have what it takes to win a bunch more games, and should have that as one of their goals as the season heads down the home stretch.

\*\*\*The fourth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic will be held next weekend at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, and this year's field is expected to be between 16 and 24 teams in the two divisions. The 1A-3A division will be loaded with approximately 14 teams, while around 8 teams are expected in the 4A-6A event. If all the teams show, and the weather cooperates, it should be quite a weekend of high school girl's softball on April 17-18 in Elba.

\*\*\*The Alabama High School Athletic Association made the headlines last week with its announcement that it would change to a "Region" format in football in two years, and while that was certainly news worthy, another change that will take place next season will have a major impact on the sport of softball. The new rule will limit slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball teams to 20 regular season games, which is a major change from the current rule that allows teams 20 playing dates. The high school teams now use the 20 dates to play as many as 40 to 50 games, but the new change will greatly limit the actual games to be played each season.

\*\*\*The AHSAA also announced that as soon as a corporate sponsor can be locked in the state baseball championship games will move to a central location. Under the new plan, the final round, in which the teams play a best of three, will be played at one location for all six classes. Since the finals in football and basketball have already made the move, it seems only natural that baseball would do the same. I don't get to vote, but if I did I would vote for Montgomery's Patterson Field. Hey, it is a great stadium, and it is not in Birmingham.

\*\*\*The beginning of the youth baseball and softball seasons have been moved back to the week of April 27, but that date is definite, and all the teams will jump right into a two-game a week schedule. The start of the season has been backed up due to the flood, and the lack of coaches. However, it now looks like everything is on go, and that means the time it near, get ready parents, and get those lawn chairs out of the garage.

## Tigers defeat Poplar Springs

### Lowery: Pitching is key

The Elba Tigers improved their record to 7-7 last Tuesday afternoon with a 14-3 romp past the Poplar Springs Athletics in Elba.

Neither team could get on the scoreboard in the opening inning; however, the Tigers' bats came to life in the second and Elba plated three runs to grab an early 3-0 advantage.

Dustin Stinson and Josh Dawkins led off the inning with back-to-back singles, while Brooks Creel followed with a double to drive in one run, and Julian Mitchell came up with a clutch single to knock in two runs and give the Tigers the 3-0 lead.

Poplar Springs closed the gap to 3-2 in the top of the third, but the Tigers were up to the challenge, and this time answered the Atomic rally by scoring five runs to open up an 8-2 lead.

Stinson and Dawkins again opened the inning with singles, with Stinson later scoring on an error on a ball hit by Daniel Murdock. A walk to Kevin Dodd loaded the bases, and two Tigers raced home when Julian Mitchell came through again, this time with a double! Two more runs crossed the plate on a double by

The Elba Tigers closed out the first half of their season with a 7-7 record last week after a 14-3 romp past Poplar Springs, and Coach David Lowery hopes that the big win will carry over as the Tigers begin the drive for a state playoff berth.

"We are certainly not where we wanted to be at this stage of the season," said Lowery, "but the schedule appears to be a little easier in the second half and we do hope that with continued improvement in all areas that we can get

Ronnie Davis, and after three innings Elba was in command with an 8-2 advantage over their visitors from Florida.

The Tigers put to rest any thoughts Poplar Springs might have had about a comeback in their half of the fourth inning, as Elba added six runs to its side of the scoreboard and blew the game open by moving ahead 14-2.

Josh Dawkins reached on a walk and Brooks Creel reached on an error to put the Tigers in business, while

some more wins and make a run at the area title.

"We must get our pitching staff lined up down the stretch to make certain that our best pitchers will be rested for the area games," added Coach Lowery. "The defense must improve every game and become a solid force, and we will have to keep on swinging the bats. Of the 87 runs we have allowed this season, 43 have been un-earned, and we can't allow that to continue if we hope to beat anybody."

"We have played a lot of people Wade Parker, Brandon Salter and Julian Mitchell all ripped singles and recorded rbi's to help the Tigers extend their lead to 11-2.

A triple by Derek Marler knocked in two runs, and when Marler scored on an error, Elba was in front to stay with a big 14-2 advantage.

Poplar Springs added a run in the top of the fifth, but it was way too little, way too late, as the Tigers easily held on to post the lopsided 14-3 win. Julian Mitchell got three hits and

knocked in five runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Dustin Stinson and Josh Dawkins both added two hits.

Ronnie Davis pitched three innings of no-hit ball to get the mound win, while the lanky senior recorded three strike-outs and allowed three walks.

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## Gamecocks defeat Eagles

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their playoff hopes dim last week with a 12-7 loss to the Goshen Eagles, in New Brockton.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 6-4, 1-3 in Area 4 action.

The Eagles combined three hits with two Gamecock errors in the top of the first to grab a quick 4-0

lead, and threatened to blow the game open in the next two innings as they took a big 10-1 advantage.

Charlie Driggers and Kellen Cole both came through with rbi singles in the bottom of the fourth as the Gamecocks pulled within 10-3, while Austin Harris added an rbi single in the fifth as New Brockton

closed to within 10-4.

Goshen increased its lead to 12-6 in the top of the sixth, and held off a late Gamecock rally to claim the important 12-7 win.

### Softball meeting set

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host an organizational meeting on Monday, April 13, to finalize plans for a Men's Softball League.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 PM at the Elba Recreation Center, located at Claxton Avenue, in Elba.

The entry fee for the league will be \$10 per player on the roster, with all teams required to have team jerseys with numbers.

For additional information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

### Umpire meeting planned

Anyone wishing to umpire baseball and softball this spring and summer in the City of Elba should attend an organizational meeting on Monday, April 13, at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, located on Claxton Avenue.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the building, and it is very important that any-

one wishing to umpire attend this important meeting.

Anyone age 16 and over may umpire youth baseball and softball, with placement in leagues to be determined by experience and ability to learn rules and techniques.

Anyone interested should call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

### Football to be auctioned

The "Relay for Life" committee at the ConAgra Poultry Company will auction off a football signed by various SEC coaches, with all monies raised going to the American Cancer Society.

The coaches that have autographed the football include Steve Spurrier, Terry Bowden, Jim Donnan, Gene Stallings, Mike DuBose and Bobby Bowden.

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## Basketball banquet held in Enterprise

by Bonnie Vaughan

On Monday, March 2, the Elba High School Varsity B-Team and Girls' basketball awards banquet was held at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise.

Awards for varsity basketball were as follows: defensive award - Johnny Coleman; offensive award - Eric Jordan; coach's award - Daniel

Musick; rebound award - Marcus Silar.

Award for girls' basketball: best rebound and hustle awards - Roshonda McKinnon; most improved - Rachel Bludworth; free throw and Most Valuable Player awards - Vaughan Boyd.

All B Team guys were awarded certificates, and varsity cheerleaders received varsity letters.

# SCHOOLS

## Tiger Tales



Anna Head,  
Editor

Elizabeth Strong,  
Assistant Editor



Eric Jordan, Lindsey Jared

## Jordan, Jared travel to basketball nationals

by Tawanna Rodgers

Three students were chosen to travel to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa to compete in the Basketball Junior Nationals. Two of the students, Lindsey Jared and Eric Jordan, decided to participate.

The competition took place on March 15. Eric and Lindsey were registered, given jerseys, and pictures were taken before the girls were separated from the boys. They were assigned to teams and played

three games each.

Everyone was being watched by scouts and being judged to compete on the all-star team to play in Ohio.

Lindsey stated, "I was really nervous to begin with, but once we started to play, everything was okay. I got to see some very good girl athletes play, and I also got a chance to play, and see all the talent that was there. It was a big challenge."

Congratulations Eric and Lindsey and good luck!!!!



Kendra Vaughan, Miss Elbala Leslie Stinson, and Shanille Rowe



Junior Miss Elbala Valerie Moore, Shay Johnson

## 1988 Miss Elbala winners crowned

On January 10, 1998, the Miss, Junior Miss, Mini Miss, and Little Miss Elbala pageants were held at the Elba High School auditorium. Entertainment was given by Anna Head, who sang "Part of Your World" from "Little Mermaid," and "One Moment in Time."

"Features" editors, Misty Kelley and Elizabeth Strong, were the emcees.

Leslie Stinson was crowned Miss Elbala. First alternate was Kendra Vaughan and second alternate was Shanille Rowe.

Valerie Moore was crowned Junior Miss Elbala and Shay Johnson was first alternate. Mary Katherine Head was crowned Mini Miss Elbala. First alternate was Kaci Grantham and second alternate was Lyndsay Lawford.

Megan Sullivan was crowned Little Miss Elbala. First alternate



Kaci Grantham, Mini Miss Elbala Mary Katherine Head, Lyndsay Lawford



Britanny Whitehead, Little Miss Elbala Megan Sullivan, Megan Anderson

## Students express opinions about flood

by Deana Gifford

The flood of 1998 has been a catastrophe for our town, but the citizens of Elba are rebuilding. A survey was conducted to see how the students and faculty felt about the flood.

Gavin Mauldin - It was a disaster that has brought everyone together to help each other.

Tawanna Rodgers - It was a major devastation to our town but hopefully we can recover and rebuild.

Cammie Kelley - It was a disaster that left Elba in complete devastation.

Mrs. Norris - I think that a group of college-educated engineers should be able to devise a way to protect a town no larger

than Elba.

Shea Free - I think it was a surprise to everyone and brought our town closer to each other.

Ayida Cumberland - I feel that it could have been prevented but was a great loss to our town.

Kendra Vaughan - It is really sad to see people's homes and businesses lost, but I hope we come together as a town to overcome this.

Jeff Eldredge - I think it is bad for the people as far as property losses but it also brought our town together.

Deanna Gifford - I think this flood was the worst because lives were lost. I also think we should learn from this experience and come up with a way to protect our town from future floods.

## Elementary school holds book fair

by Anna Head

Elba Elementary School held its annual Scholastic Book Fair March 2 - 6.

At the beginning of the week, all elementary students came to the book fair to browse and select books to buy. They came back later to actually purchase the books. Also, everyone's favorite big red dog, Clifford, made a special appearance. Clifford visited the Kindergarten and first grade classrooms before the book fair began, and came to the book fair on certain

days.

Tremendous help was received from parents and grandparents who volunteered their time to the book fair, which raised more money this year than ever before. The library receives a percentage of this money, which is used to purchase various supplies for the library.

The Scholastic Book Fair is sending a free book to each child in the elementary school whose home was flooded.

The book fair was a huge success, and everyone is looking forward to next year.

## VICA Spotlight

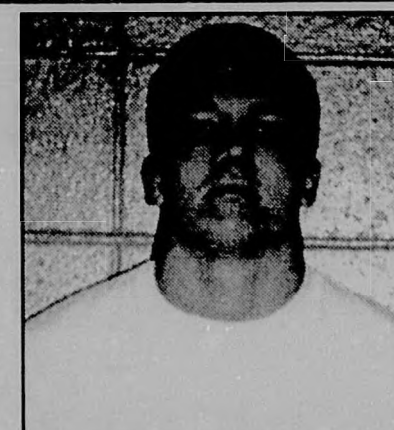
Johnson busy at J & J Lawn

by Diana Jackson

This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Wesley Johnson. He is an employee of J & J Lawn Care.

Wesley is the son of J.L. and Nellie Johnson and is a junior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA, softball, football, and basketball teams.

Wesley's hobbies include fishing and lifting weights. After high



Wesley Johnson school he plans to attend a junior college in Mississippi.

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G.W. Long at Kinston  
TV (4:00)  
Brantley vs. Zion  
Chapel, at Elba 2V  
(3:30)

MONDAY, APRIL 13  
Elba at New Brockton  
2V (4:00)  
Kinston at Opp 2V  
(4:00)

Houston Academy vs.  
Zion Chapel, in Elba 2V  
(4:00)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14  
Kinston at Andalusia  
2V (4:00)  
New Brockton vs. Zion  
Chapel, in Elba 2V 3:30

### BASEBALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 9  
Rehobeth at Elba  
(4:00)

Kinston vs. Zion  
Chapel, in Elba (6:30)

MONDAY, APRIL 13  
Elba at Poplar Springs  
(3:00)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14  
G.W. Long at Elba  
(5:00)

Arlton vs. Zion Chapel,  
in Elba (7:00)

## LEARN WINDOWS '95

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## SCHOOLS

### Rebels compete, fall in conference tournament

by Tina Johnson

Zion Chapel played in the Conference Tournament on Thursday, March 12, in Ozark. The Conference Tournament was a double elimination and unfortunately Zion Chapel lost their first two games.

The first game was Zion Chapel versus G.W. Long at 5:15 p.m. The first of the game looked really well for Zion Chapel, but by the seventh inning G.W. Long won the game. The final score was Zion Chapel 4 and G.W. Long 11.

Following that game Zion Chapel played Samson. Again, Zion Chapel played really well, but lost in the fifth inning. The final score was Zion Chapel 4 and Samson 15.

Zion Chapel traveled to Arion on

Monday, March 16, to play a soft-ball game. Zion Chapel was to play a doubleheader, with the first game starting at 4 p.m. The first game the Lady Rebels had really good defense and stopped the Purple Cats from scoring in the first 4 innings, well enough to hurt the Rebels.

But since the Rebels' defense was doing so good they just couldn't seem to hit the ball that well and score. In the fifth inning the Purple Cats scored enough points to call the game at Zion Chapel 0 and Arion 10.

The second game went much better for the Rebels offensively and defensively, but with one bad inning the Rebels lost by 10 runs in the fifth inning. The final score for that game was Zion Chapel 5 and Arion 15.

The second game went much better for the Rebels offensively and

### Hall attends All-State band festival at AU

by Tessa Hall

Tessa Hall, a senior at Zion Chapel, was chosen to attend the Alabama All-State Band Festival March 12-14, on the main campus of Auburn University. There are approximately 650 musicians chosen from Alabama who attended, about 165 in each of four bands - Red, White, Blue and Junior High. Tessa played trumpet in the Red Band, the highest ranked.

The students arrived in Auburn Thursday morning and auditioned for their chairs. The tryout results were posted late Thursday afternoon and the first practice was held immediately after.

Practices began again early Friday morning for each band.

There was a four-hour practice that morning and another three-hour practice that afternoon. The Auburn University Symphonic Band held a concert Friday evening for the participants in the All-State bands.

Saturday morning a final "run-through" was held for each of the four bands in the coliseum. The concert was held in the coliseum Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Members of the bands were each awarded a medal for their participation according to what band they were in. Each member of the Red band got a red medal, each White band member got a white medal, each Blue band member got a blue medal, and each Junior High band member got a blue and red medal.



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### Elementary school honors announced

Zion Chapel Elementary School has released the following honor rolls for the third nine-week grading period.

#### ALLA'S

• **1ST GRADE** - Kirsten Collins, Josh Gilbert, Jenale Gladney, Caitlin Grissett, Shane Hartley, Penny Parker, Robby Thrash, Mary Allen, Haley Ellis, Adam Hartley, Tracie Long, Ronnie McBride, Amber Powell, Sierra Senn, Kyle Tankersley, Leana Vinson, Justin Winters, Ethan Arnold, Jason Hartley, Drew Little, Eliah Mount, Clara Smith

• **2ND GRADE** - Brooke Stinson, Brittany Dismukes, Brittany Layton, Jon Fuller, Jessie Carroll, Rod Rider, Brittany Liptrot, Jesi Johnson, Caitlin White, Steven Mitchell, Brittany Cardwell, Rebecca Thompson, Brittany Bass, Sheena Hussey, Luke Taylor, John Wayne Lambert, Cassandra Cole

• **3RD GRADE** - Tabatha Farmer, Todd Grant, Tiffany Liptrot, Audrianna Mills, Megan

Portwood, Matthew Williams, Ashley Faulkner, Erica Lewis, Jessica Powell, Jennifer Taylor

#### A'S AND B'S

• **1ST GRADE** - Savannah Cole, Kelly Hatcher, Dylan Hathcock, Wayne Hood, B.J. McLeod, Steven Pettry, Ashley Quattlebaum, Jay Arnette, Cera Adkins, Lindsey Armlong, Cory Carter, Corney Nelson, Cristen Patterson

• **2ND GRADE** - Cody Arnold, Logan Carney, Gage Hall, Clint Rhodes, Jonas Simmons, Jessica Wambles, Harry White, Anna Wilson, Jeremy Sneed, Blake Little, Timmy Geddings, Kathy Register, Nikki Stewart, Chelsea Flowers, John Paul Maddox, Chase Perkins, Ashley Hudson, Stephanie Berry, Hobli

### First graders take field trip to see 'Pinocchio' performed

by Amy Eddins

The first-graders at Zion Chapel Elementary School took a trip to Dothan on March 2. Approximately 52 students made the trip. They left the school around 8 o'clock that morning.

The students went to the Dothan Civic Center to see the play, "Pinocchio" performed by the

American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc. This was to give all the students an opportunity to see a live play.

After the play they went to McDonald's for lunch. On the way back to the school they stopped in Enterprise to see the new park. The students returned to the school at approximately 2:30 that afternoon.

Thomas McClain, Matthew McIntosh, Byron McWaters

#### 5TH GRADE

Barna Gatlin, Shannon Sall, Megan Johnson, Jeremy Sanders, T.J. Winters, Courtney Smart, Michael Sneed, Justin Bragg, Levi Brown, Nicole Brown, Lance Dickey, Kristen McLendon, Kenna Roberts, Austin Smith, Josh Smith, Luke Taylor, Inessa Wambles, Randall Spears

#### ALL B'S

• **3RD GRADE** - Candace Kyser  
• **4TH GRADE** - Josh Huckabaw, Tiffany Walker

### All-conference team named

by Wesley Clark

Kendra Ward, Josh Grantham, and Wesley Clark were named All-Conference for basketball. Tina Johnson and Ben Pritchett were named as honorable mentions.

The conference includes seven schools: Zion Chapel, Kingston, New Brockton, G.W. Long,

Samson, Arion, and Houston Academy.

The coaches from these seven schools get together and vote on players from each team. The number of players chosen depends on what place your team was in the conference.

Congratulations to the players!

### Menus

The following menus were submitted for Zion Chapel Elementary School for the week of APRIL 13-17

#### BREAKFAST

Monday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Pop Tart, Oatmeal,

Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Biscuit, Sausage Link, Cereal, Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

Monday - Steak Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, English Peas, Creamed  
Tuesday - Chicken Fingers, Pepperoni Pizza, Corn on Cobs, Rolls, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk

Potatoes, Oatmeal Cookie, Fruit, Rolls, Milk  
Tuesday - Corn Dog, Swiss Meat Balls w/Gravy, Turnips, Candied Yams, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Rolls, Milk

#### Wednesday

Wednesday - Chicken Fingers, Pepperoni Pizza, Corn on Cobs, Rolls, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Hot Dog, Green Salad, Applesauce, Crackers, Cheese Rolls, Corn Nuggets, Milk

#### Friday

Friday - Steak Fingers, Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Fruit, Rice Krispie Treat, Rolls, Milk

## BUSINESS AND FARM

### Roberts gets best yield by planting whole potatoes

by Bernie Cobb

Master Gardener Intern There are certainly more ways to plant Irish potatoes than just plowing a deep furrow and throwing in a handful of potato eyes. I was shopping for some seed potatoes last year and heard Earl Sawyer in New Brockton telling someone about how one of his customers had made more potatoes than he had ever seen. So I just had to go back and find out who Earl was talking about.

It turned out to be Bobby Roberts, who owns a service station just south of New Brockton. Roberts allowed me to visit his home and talk about his plans to plant around the middle of March. I found the local businessman under a shade tree repairing a broken cultivator and preparing to lay out his rows. My question was, "What is it that you do differently than most of us when you plant potatoes?"

"I just plant the whole potato," Roberts explained. "My thinking about that is that each one of the eyes on that potato will make a shoot, anyway. And when they do, they'll have more to feed on with that whole potato there instead of just an eye on a small piece of potato."

"I don't know if that way of thinking is right," he acknowledged. "But all I know is that I don't have any trouble getting 18 or 20 potatoes in one hill almost every year. One time," he added, "I got 35 potatoes in one hill."

The ex-Navy veteran sticks with red potatoes which are popular in this area. Red LaSoda and Pontiac are recommended varieties. His source supplies him with Certified Blue Ribbon Red Potatoes from Minnesota. Buying certified seed potatoes is a good practice regardless of the variety.

Roberts didn't, however, always plant whole potatoes. Growing up in a low income family, he recalled some lean times when the whole potato was needed to feed hungry mouths. So his father just cut off small chunks of potatoes with an eye or two on each piece and planted them. The rest of the potato went on the table for supper.

"I remember that 1990 was a real dry year around here," Roberts said. "That was the first year that I started planting whole potatoes. It just came to me one day that the plants would have more to feed on. I believe, too, that cut potatoes will be easier to start rotting in the ground than a whole potato will."

"I just lay out my rows," he said, pointing to his field. "I put the potatoes down about six inches and cover them with compost. Then, when the plants start growing, I just keep pushing dirt up to them."

Roberts only plants a couple of long rows now for his personal use, using about 50 pounds of seed potatoes. He likes to add in some "cow-pen manure," but no chicken litter.



**BOBBY ROBERTS** ... is "fixin' to" lay out a couple of rows for his annual Irish potato planting. But first the local service station owner/manager had to fix his broken cultivator before he could get his 1998 garden started.

Sometimes he adds a little 13-13-13 that put my guinea out of business," Roberts lamented. I know there may be some readers who might scoff at this and insist that coyotes are only out in the wild, wild west. Don't be alarmed, but we do, indeed, have some around here.

Roberts is quick to point out that planting whole potatoes instead of cut potatoes may not be the best way for everyone; but, his philosophy and techniques work for him. And, after all, isn't that part of what gardening is all about, anyway? I would like to hear from some other home gardeners who just lay their seed potatoes right on top of the ground and keep them covered with mulch. Also, some folks are into container gardening and that can be a good way to grow potatoes just for the family. Let me hear from you.

In the meantime, I'm going to keep an eye on Bobby Roberts' potato patch. And, when I see him digging those potatoes one day, I just might take advantage of that invitation to, "stop on by sometime and let me load you up with some potatoes."

"But, I think it was the coyotes

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**TWO PEANUT GROWERS** from Coffee County who overcame a late-season drought last year to produce high-yielding crops were recognized for their achievements recently at the 1998 Alabama/Florida Champions Night Out program in Dothan. Allen Weeks, who won the 50-250-acre category in Coffee County, farms cotton and corn and has a cattle operation in addition to his 109.5 acres of peanuts. Ronnie Nicholson, who won the more-than-250-acre division, also farms cotton and corn in addition to his 315.5 acres of peanuts. Pictured are (l-r) Carl Sanders, Alabama Peanut Producers Assn; Allen Weeks - peanut champion; Mike Wood and Greg Gregory, sponsor representatives; and Dr. Jim Marion, Dean of Auburn University College of Agriculture.



**COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS** were part of a group of 300 Alabama farmers who visited Washington, D.C. recently to learn more about the national legislative process. While there, they met with U.S. Rep. Terry Everett of Alabama and voiced their concerns about the recent flooding in Elba. Pictured are (l-r) Maxie and Kathy Bozeman.

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## Students receive 'My Favorite Book'

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Round and about with Eria Belcher  
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\*\*\*Scripture: Mark 11:1-18  
\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Hannah Coleman, the Sconiers family, Hope Coleman, the Sconiers, Turner and Lampley families, Willie Tyson, Princell Kelley, Paul Belcher, Doris Waters, Annie L. Coleman, Mandi Tillis, Lovie Hooks, W.H. Caldwell, Ruth Belcher.  
\*\*\*April Birthdays: Della Magwood - April 6; Michael Manning - April 12; Hannah Coleman - April 13  
\*\*\*Installation Services for Pastor L.P. Carter, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Clayton, was held April 5 at 2:30 p.m. Theme was III John 1:11; pulpit conductor - Pastor A.R. Williams; devotional - officers; professional - clergy/honorees/officers; flowers - Matron's Dept.; guest choir rendered music; Scripture, Old Testament - Rev. Ronnie Caldwell; New Testament - Pastor Walker; prayer - Pastor Collier; presentation of speaker - Rev. W.O. Edwards; speaker - Pastor L.C. McMillan, pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Troy, and Antioch Missionary Baptist, Banks; charge to the church - Pastor J.C. Fryer Sr.  
Charge to the pastor - Pastor C. Folks; greetings from the Perote District Association pastor, James Mulkey, moderator; presentation - Pastor A.R. Williams.  
\*\*\*Prayer Breakfast - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor, Sunday, April 12, at 7 a.m. Guest speaker is Rev. L.V. Johnson, associate minister of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba.  
\*\*\*Annual Church Night will be held April 11 at 7 p.m. at New Philadelphia COGIC, Elba. Pastor L.E. Flowers, Theme: Psalm 8:1 "Come and praise the Lord with us." Choir president - Dea. J. Jackson, 897-9161.  
\*\*\*Youth Activity Day, 1998 will be held at the Sports Complex in Opp on April 18, beginning at 9 a.m. There will be softball for ages 8-14, and ages 15 and up; basketball for ages 12 and under. For more information contact Ronnie and Lisa Caldwell - 493-0108; or Patti Culver - 897-8216.  
\*\*\*Annual Choir Day of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor, will be held Sunday, April 12. Theme: Psalm 150:6, 2:30 - processional - Oak Grove Choir; Welcome and occasion - Sis. Crystal Tillis; speaker - Rev. E. Freney; mistress of ceremony - Sis. Sarah Stoudmire; Program Committee: Sis. Alice Musgrove, Sis. Pam Mitchell, Sis. Carolyn Blake, president; Sis. Johnnie McBride, church secretary, Rev. J.R. Parks.  
\*\*\*Community Singing: A community singing will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Elba, Danley's Crossroads, Rev. J.R. Parks, pastor, on Saturday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. All groups, soloists, and choirs are encouraged to come and share. Sponsored by Oak Grove Senior Choir.  
\*\*\*Portrait of a Black Woman Who Changed America: Autherine Lucy Foster was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Shiloh, Ala. She was the first black student to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. A 1952 graduate of Miles College in Birmingham, she wanted to further her education. After several years of court battles to gain admission, she was allowed to go to classes for only a few days in February, 1956, before riots erupted on campus, and she was expelled. In 1988 the University reversed its resolution of expulsion and invited her to enroll again.  
"I used to sometimes look back on my experience at the University of Alabama and see it as somewhat of a failure in my life. Now I look at it from a different perspective. I view it as a stepping-stone in the Civil Rights movement."  
A lot of people saw that young woman who seemed so quiet and easy going and thought, "If she can step out and do a thing like that, then I can too." (I Dream A World, Brian Lanker, Black History Calendar)

## Kinston honor rolls announced

Kinston Elementary School has released the following honor rolls and perfect attendance records for the third nine-week grading period.

**ALL A'S**  
• **1ST GRADE** - Taylor Davis, Maeghann Hawthorne, Wesley Hunko, AJ Johnson, Hollie Kileense, Calina Norris, Erick Odom, Ashton Parker, Christopher Scofield, Nick Weeks, Tyler Wilson, Eric Wise  
• **2ND GRADE** - Whitney Davis, Aaron Jacobs, Heather Marlowe, Ashley McCall, John Moss, Courtney Pierce, Lance Rushing, Caitlin Tindell, Beth Vaughan, Christie Whigham, Monica Wilford  
• **3RD GRADE** - Josh Grice, Lashea Smith, Brittany Thomaston, Courtney Weeks  
• **4TH GRADE** - Ashley Carter, AJ Davis, Britney Donaldson, Josh Driver, Jessie Gragg, Josh Holtum, Brittany Hunko, Casey Mack, Ramsey Phillips  
• **5TH GRADE** - Breann Hattaway, Brittany Holley, Josh Reeves, Tiffany Wilson, Meagan King, Ashley Moore, Amber Rivers, Ashley Rushing, Hannah Seay, Lacey Sherwood, Jeremy Wiggins, Chase Williams, Ben Wise  
• **6TH GRADE** - Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Jonathan Hataway, Michael Hataway, Daniel Holtum, Katie Kelley, Meagan King, Ashley Moore, Amber Rivers, Ashley Rushing, Hannah Seay, Lacey Sherwood, Jeremy Wiggins, Chase Williams, Ben Wise

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**  
• **KINDERGARTEN** - Ric Johnson, Jayson Kelley, Jeremy Pope, Kallie Rhodes, Marika Whitehurst, Abby Williams  
• **1ST GRADE** - Kendall Carter, Maeghann Hawthorne, Wesley Hunko, Latasha Jones, Kevin Rachel, Eric Reese, Joshua Reeves, Jessie Sessions, Eric Wise, Joey Yates  
• **2ND GRADE** - Shayla Ballard, Whitney Davis, JR Fleming, Troy Horton, Ashley N. Kelley, Ashley McCall, John Moss, Courtney Pierce, Brandon Reese, Caitlin Tindell, Matthew Whigham  
• **3RD GRADE** - Derek Atwell, Nicole Boswell, Jonathan Edwards, Angel Francisco, Josh Grice, Tiffany Jordan, Dustin Reeves, Kaleigh Sanders, Kala Seay  
• **4TH GRADE** - Jamey Berry, Ashley Carter, Britney Donaldson, Emily Farris, John Francisco, Tinnell Harrison, Brittany Hunko, Danielle Kelley, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Joseph McCrummen, Matt Odom, Haley Spears  
• **5TH GRADE** - Kontora Edwards, Amanda Loupe, Matthew Parker, Dustin Patterson, Randy Reeves  
• **6TH GRADE** - Chase Berry, Matt Blue, Rebecca Crouse, Shae Farris, Mykel Germany, Jonathan Hataway, Michael Hataway, Ashley Moore, Ricky Powell, Hillary Sumblin, Andy Tew, Courtney Tillis

## Area students graduate from AU

Auburn University awarded 880 degrees at winter commencement ceremonies Friday, March 20, and included from the Elba area were: Bachelor - Amy Baker, Amanda E. Calhoun; New Brockton - Bachelor - Abby L. Bowden.

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AMERICAN LEGION DONATES... Pictured above are (l-r): Andrew Cooper, American Legion Disaster Committee Chairman for South Alabama; James Clark, member of the local American Legion Post, Mozell Prescott, member of the local American Legion Post, Gordon L. Seale, Deputy Commander of the American Legion Department of Alabama; and O. J. Hyde, American Legion Disaster Committee State Chairman and past deputy commander. The Legion presented more checks to be used toward flood relief in the City of Elba.



**MORE CHECKS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION...** Members of the American Legion were in town last week with checks in hand to be used in flood relief. Pictured above are (l-r): Andrew Cooper, American Legion Disaster Committee Chairman for South Alabama; Mickey McCollough, Assistant Principal of Elba Elementary School; and Gordon L. Seale, Deputy Commander of the American Legion Department of Alabama. The Legionaries presented McCollough with a check for \$500 to be used in meeting the needs of children affected by the flood.

## Local business resume operations

The following is a list of Elba businesses that have already re-opened and doing business. They are:  
Circuit Clerk - upstairs in small courtroom  
State Probation and Parole Office - Upstairs at courthouse  
Cowart's Upholstery  
Denise's Hair & Nail Salon (original location downtown)  
Gloria's Beauty Salon (original location downtown)  
Hammonds' Body Shop  
Mr. Henry's Juliette's Restaurant  
Grantham's True Value Hardware  
Johnson's O.K. Tire Store  
Big/Little Store No. 13  
Windham Lumber Company  
Southern Country Realty (located across from Movie Gallery)  
Cook Chevrolet (Jim Cook Ford)  
The Peoples Bank (next to Jim Cook Ford)  
SouthTrust Bank (original location downtown)  
Dairy Queen  
Bradley's Florist (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)  
Runt's Elba Auto Sav Texaco Station  
Clements' Furniture Co.  
Hair Studio (located across from Movie Gallery in house with Southern Country Realty)  
Dollar General  
Marty Marler Attorney-at-Law (located at 1005 Farris St. across from Dairy Queen)  
Cannon & Vaughan  
Gerald Boswell Insurance  
Lawford's Ace Hardware  
Jared & Jared (next to Windham Lumber Co.)  
Elba Florist & Gift Shop  
Marsh Insurance (at home-957 Troy Highway)  
Hardee's  
EDSCO Fasteners Inc.  
Skinner's Furniture  
Coffee County EMS  
Alfa Insurance ( Hickman Ave., @ intersection of 203 Bypass)  
Elba Frame & Gift  
CarQuest/Taylor Parts  
Clark Furniture Co.  
Padgett Oil Co.  
Whitman Drug Co. (across from hospital)  
Kelly's Barbecue  
State Farm Insurance (both agents at Mike McGuire's office at 307 Adkinson)  
H & R Block (located in old Garden Gate Florist building)  
Family Dollar Store  
NAPA Auto Parts Store  
Quality Wood Works  
Magic Mirror  
Southeast Real Estate & Insurance  
Dorsey Trailers  
Other businesses that are open that were not damaged by flood are:  
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## Annual co-op meeting draws 3,000

Free prizes and entertainment, as well as an interest in co-op business, brought more than 3,000 people to the 53rd annual Covington Electric Cooperative membership meeting last week.  
Gospel groups performed and board members were elected. Willie B. Smith Jr. of Brantley was re-elected, and Charles Herlin of Kinston was elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees, representing Districts III and IV respectively.  
Winners of prizes included: John

Glen Lee, Rt. 5, Elba - 20-inch color TV; Othel Reeves, Rt. 1, Kinston - videocassette recorder; \$100 cash prize - Dorothy Daniels, Rt. 4, Elba; weedeater - J.W. Henderson, Kinston; finishing sander - Lewis Wilks, Rt. 2, Kinston; electric knife - Louise Jernigan, Kinston.

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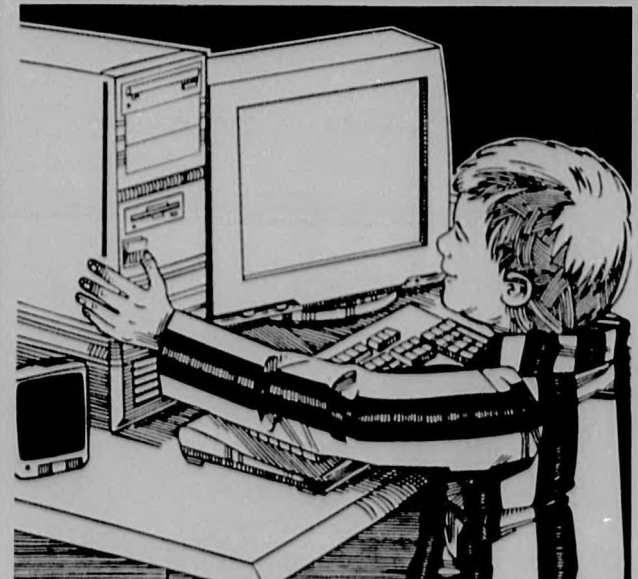
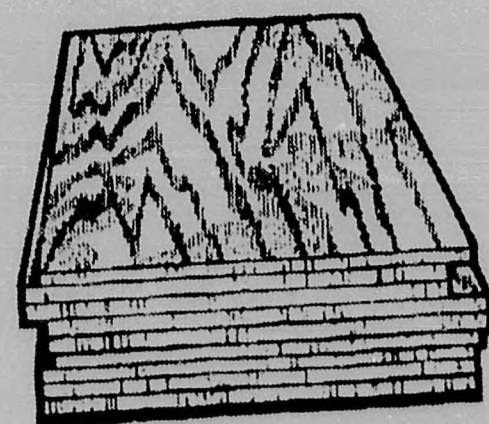
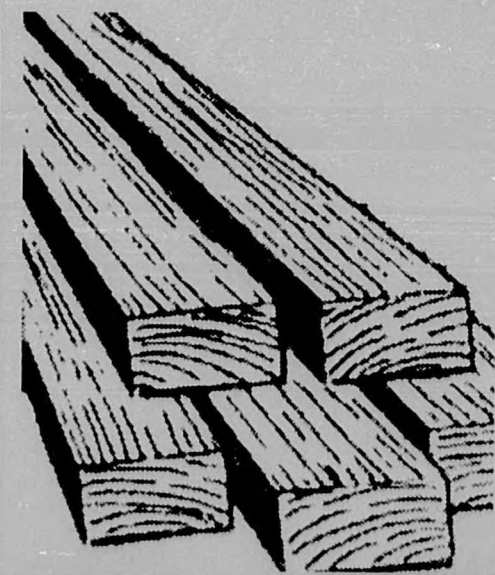
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## County backs away from landfill expansion

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission Monday rescinded a previously approved motion to hold a public hearing on a proposed permit modification to the county's landfill.

The motion was approved March 23rd on a 4-3 vote. Voting for the original motion were Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Tom Grimsley, Doug Dalrymple,

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and Kayo Lewis. Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Len Averett opposed the motion.

The modification would have increased the landfill's service area from a 10-county area to a 34-county area.

standing about it." Lewis stated that it was the intent of the commission - he thought - to just maintain the present tonnage at the landfill.

The reason for adding counties was to help maintain a pool of counties permitted for service to keep the tonnage from dropping from its current level. This was in the event present customers were lost to neighboring landfills - namely the one located near Brundidge in Pike

County. "For some reason, this action has got people thinking that we're going to fill the thing up next week," said Lewis. "That is not the intent of this commission."

"The only intent is to try to maintain our present income so that we would not be in danger of losing the landfill or having to sell it."

"Since the misunderstanding, I'm going to withdraw my motion to add more counties and leave it like it is."

The motion was made to rescind the action and it passed 4-3. Commissioners Grimsley, Averett and Dalrymple opposed the motion while Westbrook, Stephens, Brooks and Lewis voted yes.

An attempt by Commissioner Dalrymple to get the service area increased but keep the tonnage the same failed.

Commission Chairman Stephens

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## Year-round school schedule OK'd for county

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County school system has adopted a modified year-round calendar for the 1998-99 school year.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden commented, "I believe that we have the best working calendar that I've seen."

"We have scheduled breaks throughout the year which we believe will eliminate teacher and student burnout."

The calendar running from August 3, 1998, to June 4, 1999, allows a week out in October beginning with Columbus Day, another week during the week of Thanksgiving in November, three weeks at Christmas, and two weeks for Spring break.

The calendar committee was headed by Dr. Linda Ingram, principal of Zion Chapel High School, and consisted of representatives from throughout the system.

Calendars being used by several other school systems were looked at by the committee before one for Coffee County was decided upon.

Last Thursday evening, county board members unanimously adopted the recommended calendar.

In other matters of business, the superintendent reported that all the building projects at the county's schools were complete and that the new classrooms were constructed at a cost of \$22 per square foot.

Bowden also stated that beginning May 1, all open positions or possible openings will be advertised using the local media.



**ANOTHER CHECK FOR THE CITY**... Elba Mayor James E. Grimes accepted another check from the state of Alabama in the amount of \$50,000.00. This time the check was from ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs). Mayor Grimes indicated the funds will be used to pay for surplus vehicles and other equipment recently acquired by the city to replace flood damaged vehicles and equipment. Presenting the check were Troy King and Brad Owen, both were from the Governor's Office. Pictured above (l-r) are: Owen, Grimes, and King.

## Dothan residents send gifts to Elba

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

A trailer load of food and cleaning products were delivered to Elba flood victims last week from Dothan.

The items were a result of three organizations in the Dothan area working together to benefit those families and individuals who suffered losses during the March 8 flood.

Participating in the project were: the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, Dothan Ministerial Union, and the Columbia Baptist Association.

According to Pat Kines, the local organizations and their members have been collecting the items during the past several weeks.

Reportedly, approximately 750 individuals came by the van located at the temporary City Hall on Claxton Avenue and picked up packages. The packages consisted of powdered milk, cereals, bottled water, juice, sodas, canned goods, crackers, baby diapers, toothpaste, soap, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.

An additional treat for those picking up packages was a meal consisting of good old red beans and rice.

Accompanying the van were: Pat



Individuals and families are pictured above picking up relief packages containing food items and cleaning supplies donated by Dothan organizations to Elba flood victims.

Kines, with the church community ministry; Rev. James Jackson, president of the Dothan Ministerial Union; and Elder R. P. Mitchell, pastor of New Beginning Ministries.

Rev. L. C. Green, project chair-

man, commented, "The Elba City Clerk was easy to work with, making a person want to do more!"

"The people involved in the project have made sure that the relief items were equally distributed to those in need."

The tractor and trailer delivering the goods to Elba was furnished by Covann Moving Incorporated of Dothan. Rev. Green and his group were very appreciative of the company's generosity.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEEK PROCLAIMED

Elba Mayor James E. Grimes signed a proclamation Monday proclaiming next week, April 19 through 25, 1998, as Environmental Health Week. This is in conjunction with a proclamation signed by Alabama Gov. Fob James. Both the governor and mayor recognize the important services provided by the field of environmental health to the people of Alabama and Elba. Environmental health personnel assure the purity of food, milk, shellfish, water, air, and other factors of the personal and community environment. These dedicated professionals come from the public sector and private enterprises, with a common interest in protecting the public's health. Pictured above looking on as Mayor Grimes signs the proclamation are (standing l-r): Richard Brown, Environmental Supervisor Coffee County; Wanda Edberg, Solid Waste Officer; and Dennis Dean, Coffee County Health Department.

by Ferrin Cox, publisher

Seven long-time employees with a total of 220 years of experience in education submitted their retirement requests when the Elba City School Board met Thursday, April 9th.

Those planning to retire include Elba Elementary School principal Judy Killingsworth, teachers Dorothy Richardson, Patricia Clark, Ella Kate

Hamm, Lynda Berry, and Pearl Amis and central office bookkeeper Sylvia Brown.

All requests for retirement were approved. Superintendent Charles Pearce told board members there is a large pool of well-qualified and experienced applicants to replace these retiring teachers.

Board members were told to expect a drug testing plan for athletes to be in place before school starts. Pearce said

the school system has received a \$2,500 grant from the Alabama Attorney General's office to begin random testing of football players.

The testing program will grow into other sports (boys and girls) over the next three years. A plan to start the testing last year was shelved because of the high cost and lack of a clear policy on the testing. Now there is a statewide policy which has been tested in court and only needs board

approval to be in effect, Pearce said. SAT testing was in progress at the time of the board meeting and Pearce said he was well pleased with the procedure and the test itself.

"The teachers and administrators are doing a good job of preparing the students for this test," Pearce told board members.

Letters of non-renewal have been mailed to all non-tenured teachers, Pearce said. This is normal procedure

for the school system while it awaits the results of the education budget being considered by the Alabama legislature. These teachers will be notified by June 15th if they are to be rehired.

The annual Band Day will be held on April 18th on the square in downtown Elba. This will be a heavy fund raising event, due to the community's losses from the recent flood. It is designed as a fun day, with music and

fellowship. Educators and band parents want to give back to the community a little of what has been given to them.

The school board approved a school calendar for next year. It includes August 11th, 1998 as the first day of school for students. May 18, 1999, will be the last day of school for students. There will be 176 days of school for students and 180 days for teachers.